

**Join Today!
Together, we can stop the mining project.**

Concerned Citizens of Seneca County, Inc., (CCSC) is a not-for-profit citizens group committed to promoting the health and quality of life for residents of the Seneca County region of New York State by ensuring that Seneca County's air, soil, water and environment are clean and healthful.

We believe no individual should have to stand alone when the quality of life in his or her neighborhood is threatened.

Others who have been successful in their fights against projects that threaten their communities have had strong local support. For this reason, we are seeking to build our local membership and ask you to join us. Time, money and hard work are needed.

Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated.*

Please make checks payable to CCSC and mail to the address shown.

If you become a member of CCSC, you will receive current information about local projects and advance notification of public meetings and other events (both by e-mail).

*Note: Contributions to CCSC are not tax-deductible.



According to a January 23, 2009 letter on behalf of Seneca Meadows, Inc., the maximum number of trips per hour for trucks crossing Burgess Road from the mine to the landfill is estimated to be 42 trips (84 crossings).

That's approximately one crossing every 43 seconds coming from this private entry/exit — an amount of traffic that we believe will effectively shut down public access to this public (county) highway.



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Dumping Urban Wastes on Our Rural Lands

Billion dollar landfill companies are assaulting the Finger Lakes region of New York State.

In our DEC* region, we take in up to 50 times the amount of other people's garbage as any of the eight other DEC regions in New York State, which is far beyond anyone's fair share.

In Seneca County alone, that's upwards of 6,000 tons a day of other people's trash imported by hundreds of garbage trucks belching diesel exhaust.



Yes, that's right: 6,000 tons of trash a day, making us the largest landfill in the Northeastern U.S.

Along with the trash, Seneca Meadows/IESI also trucks in clay and soil that are used to help build this trash into mountains that are 275 feet tall.



Now, Seneca Meadows/IESI wants to create an industrial clay mine from a 120-acre parcel of land directly across the road from Waterloo village residents.

*(NYS) Department of Environmental Conservation.

The Proposed "Meadow View" Mine

The Waterloo project to mine clay is expected to **last 11 years**, operate up to 12 hours a day, and **take up to 12 years to reclaim** (i.e., total project time = **23 years**).

The DEC has declared that this mine will have a significant environmental impact on the surrounding area.

In recognition of this impact, the DEC, in August of 2009, held what's called a "scoping" meeting to gather public input.

At that meeting, more than 100 people attended, and 20 or more spoke – all **against** the clay mine.

The *Finger Lakes Times* stated: "Citizen after citizen cited problem after problem with a proposed mining site used to gather topsoil and clay for the Seneca Meadows landfill."

Since that time, concerned citizens have been meeting twice a month at the Seneca County Building's Office for the Aging.

More than 1400 petition signatures have also been gathered and sent to the DEC – again, all **against** this project.

However, We the People have not been listened to.

Many Waterloo residents feel they are losing their fundamental right of local control and self-government to a corporate few who believe they are empowered to override the wishes of the majority of citizens.

As a result, Seneca Meadows/IESI may gain full DEC acceptance of their draft Environmental Impact Statement (dEIS) and possibly, also, a local permit to start mining.

This is unacceptable. Large-scale industrial mining does not belong next to residential properties.

We therefore ask that you join with your neighbors at this time in helping to say NO!

We can stop them if YOU get involved.

It's not just your future but your children's future that's at stake.

A Final Word . . .

Industrial mining brings no significant economic benefits to a community – it's a highly automated industry with no fixed plant, so we can expect few new jobs and little additional tax revenue.

However, we can expect noise, vibration, dust, traffic, visual impacts, health issues, declining property values . . . and **more mines**, if this one successfully penetrates our zoning restrictions.

What's more, we can also expect vast imports of trash to be dumped on us for decades yet to come, which is extra troubling knowing that

- ◆ over 80% of the municipal waste stream is reusable, recyclable or compostable
- ◆ better and safer alternatives for building economic growth have already been demonstrated by other communities.